

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4083–S4167

Measures Introduced: Thirty-one bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4119–4149, and S. Res. 640–644. **Pages S4133–34**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 3051, to improve protections for wildlife. (S. Rept. No. 116–239) **Page S4133**

Measures Passed:

National Borinqueneers Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 641, designating April 13, 2020, as “National Borinqueneers Day”. **Pages S4102–03**

Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program: Senate passed S. 4148, to extend the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program of the Department of Homeland Security. **Page S4163**

Great Outdoors Month: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 629, designating June 2020 as “Great Outdoors Month”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S4163**

National Whistleblower Appreciation Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 634, designating July 30, 2020, as “National Whistleblower Appreciation Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S4163**

Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 4049, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2021 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Rejected:

Inhofe (for Paul/Udall) Amendment No. 2011 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2301), to withdraw all United States Armed Forces from Afghanistan. (By 60 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 129), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S4114–17**

Pending:

Inhofe Amendment No. 2301, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4084**

McConnell (for Portman) Amendment No. 2080 (to Amendment No. 2301), to require an element in annual reports on cyber science and technology activities on work with academic consortia on high priority cybersecurity research activities in Department of Defense capabilities. **Page S4084**

Vought Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, July 2, 2020, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Russell Vought, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget; and that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination occur at 1:30 p.m. **Page S4163**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

- 3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
- 35 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- 1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.
- Routine lists in the Air Force, and Army.

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Messages from the House:

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Enrolled Bills Presented:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—129)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:46 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 2, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4163.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Armed Services: Committee received a closed briefing on matters relating to Afghanistan from David F. Helvey, Acting Assistant Secretary for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs, and Brigadier General Scott F. Benedict, USMC, Deputy Director Politico-Military Affairs, Middle East, Joint Staff, J–5, both of the Department of Defense.

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETES COMPENSATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine exploring a compensation framework for intercollegiate athletes, after receiving testimony from Keith Carter, University of Mississippi, Oxford; Michael Drake, The Ohio State University, Columbus, on behalf of the NCAA Board of Governors; Dionne Koller, University of Baltimore School of Law Center for Sport and the Law, Baltimore, Maryland; Greg Sankey, Southeastern Conference, Birmingham, Alabama; and Eric J. Winston, OneTeam Partners, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Katherine A. Crytzer, to be Inspector General, and Beth Harwell and Brian Noland, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors, all of the Tennessee Valley Authority, and 27 General Services Administration resolutions.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine infrastructure development opportunities to drive economic recovery and resiliency, after receiving testimony from Jason Grumet, Bipartisan Policy Center, and Christy Goldfuss, Center for American Progress, both of Washington, D.C.; and Robert Lanham, Williams Brothers Construction Co., Inc., Houston, Texas, on behalf of the Associated General Contractors of America.

COVID–19 PANDEMIC

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the response and mitigation to the COVID–19 pandemic in Native communities, including S. 3650, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to deem employees of urban Indian organizations as part of the Public Health Service for certain purposes, after receiving testimony from Rear Admiral Michael D. Weahkee, Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Robert Fenton, Region 9 Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Scott J. Davis, North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission Executive Director, Bismarck; and Lisa Elgin, National Indian Health Board, Washington, D.C.

VETERANS HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine recruitment, retention and building a resilient veterans health care workforce, after receiving testimony from Steven Lieberman, Acting Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Health, Jessica Bonjorni, Chief, Human Capital Management, and Victoria Brahm, Director, Veterans Integrated Service Network, all of the Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.